



# The BUFFER

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## Notes from the President

J.R. Jackson

**O**n a recent fishing trip with former BUFF president Jeff McElravy, I asked Jeff what his least favorite part of being BUFF president was. "Writing those president's notes for the BUFFER", was his response. I feel his pain. It's tough to think of anything really important to say that won't already be done better by an article contained in the same edition.

For instance, I can't really say enough good about the Fly Show Team, and all the work they've done to put together another slam dunk show in 2017, because they'll already have an article in here themselves. Tooting their own horns about bringing in headliners Ian and Charity Rutter, boasting about how the BUFF Fly Show has become one of the premiere fly fishing shows in the Midwest...I can't even remind you that the show will be on February 4, 2017, because they'll already have told you that too. They'll probably even remind you that the NCFE show will take place in Cleveland on January 21st, and the DCFF show will take place in Louisville on January 28th. So what's left for me to say? Nothing.

I suppose Todd McGarvey will have an article in here about the upcoming banquet also. He'll probably tell you all about how he sent out a message asking for help from last years banquet committee, only to find out that many of them had already started work in their roles to put together another great banquet for us in 2017. He'll probably even find a way to work in a comment about how his team is handling the banquet much like how the Cubbies handled the Indians in the World Series. Makes me sick.



I'm not even gonna bother reminding you to renew your membership for 2017, nor is there any point in saying we have 2017 Board elections and Fly Fisher of the Year election coming up, because the folks heading those committees up are doing a great job as well. Yet again, that leaves me with a big fat nothing to say. So forget it. I'm not doing any president's notes this month. I'm busy anyway, working on my New Year's Resolution, which is to always look at the bright side and stop feeling sorry for myself. I'm off to a good start.

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## January Presentation & Speaker

### Rob Fightmaster - "Fly Fishing the Smoky Mountains"

Mike Rubush



Rob Fightmaster is the owner and primary guide, [Fightmaster Fly Fishing](#) where they offer guided wade trips to roadside and backcountry destinations in Great Smoky Mountains National Park and surrounding areas. Float trips on a number of area tailwaters are also provided.

Rob has been a faithful supporting sponsor of BUFF with his generous "Full Day" Guided fly fishing trips in the Smoky Mountains. Many of us have enjoyed his company while fishing. He is again donating a **Full Day of guided fly fishing**

**trip for 2 anglers (Valued at \$350). We will be auctioning his trip at our 2017 Spring Fundraising Banquet.**

Rob is an Instructor at Little River Outfitters School of Fly Fishing, freelance writer and regular columnist for The Contemporary Sportsman. With his knowledge of fishing in the Smoky Mountains he Authored "Hatch & Fly Guide: Smoky Mountains and Southern Appalachians."

Rob is a custom fly tyer with patterns currently available at Little River Outfitters and soon available at [www.fightmasterflyfishing.com](http://www.fightmasterflyfishing.com). Consultant for current and prospective resorts, fly fishing lodges, and sporting properties with current and/or former clients from North Carolina to British Columbia. Listed as "One of the South's Best Fishing Guides" by Garden and Gun Magazine, Rob was the former Fly Fishing Program Director at Blackberry Farm from 2000 – 2006. Where he created, developed, and managed fly fishing program responsible for an unprecedented two consecutive Orvis Endorsed Lodge of the Year accolades.

**Don't miss this presentation to learn more about fishing the Smoky Mountains.**

1/3	PHW Fly Tying Brent Miller
1/11	BUFF Monthly Meeting
1/16	MLK Day
1/17	PHW Fly Tying Brent Miller
1/18	BUFF Board Meeting
1/21	North Ohio Fly Fishing Expo Brecksville, OH
1/28	Kentuckiana Fly Fishing Show Shepherdsville, KY



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Jokes aside (and yes, this article was intended to be at least slightly funny), 2016 has been a great year for BUFF, and our active membership has made the job of being your president much easier than I ever expected. Thanks again to each of you for anything you've contributed to the club in the past year, and let's make 2017 even better.





JR ➡

# Greater Cincinnati Fly Show – Big Time Cabin Fever Relief!

<b>Pre-Show Events</b>	Friday, 2/3/17 Tying Clinics (reservations required) 9-11 Ian Rutter 11-1 Ian Rutter 2-4 Mike Schmidt 4-6 Mike Schmidt
<b>Show Details</b>	<b>Saturday, 2/4/17 Greater Cincinnati Fly Fishing Show – Oasis Conference Center, Loveland 9:00-4:00</b>

**T**he 2017 Greater Cincinnati Fly Fishing Show is shaping up to be the best ever with an expanded offering of fly tying workshops and a smorgasbord of skill building presentations. If you want to learn more about fly tying and/or improve your fishing skills, this is the show for you! The show headliners, Ian & Charity Rutter, literally “wrote the book” on fly fishing in the Smokies and will make two presentations during the show. Ian Rutter and Mike Schmidt will be conducting fly tying workshops prior to the show and Kevin Ramsey and Glenn Weisner will lead tying workshops during the show (a first for any fly fishing show). Other world class presentations will cover Spey Fishing (Dustan Harley), fishing for big trout (Chris Lessway), smallmouth fishing in SW Ohio (Matt Parker), and Great Lakes tributary fishing (Jerry Darkes).

During the show, Ian and Charity Rutter will present casting demonstrations on the Casting Pond. The pond will also be available for public rod testing from the numerous rod offerings at the show.

<p><b>Show Presentations Schedule:</b></p> <p><b>Ian &amp; Charity Rutter</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• “Great Smoky Mountains National Park-Wild Trout Paradise”</li> <li>• “Strategies for Catching Tough Fish”</li> </ul> <p><b>Dustan Harley</b> – “Spey Fishing 101”  <b>Chris Lessway</b> – “Mousing for Brown Trout”  <b>Matt Parker</b> – “Smallmouth Fishing in SW Ohio”  <b>Jerry Darkes</b> – “Fishing the Inland Oceans”</p>	 <p>Ian &amp; Charity Rutter</p>	 <p>Matt Parker</p>
<p><b>Tying Workshops &amp; Casting Demos Schedule:</b></p> <p><b>Tying Workshops:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Kevin Ramsey</li> <li>• Glenn Weisner</li> </ul> <p><b>Casting Demonstrations:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ian &amp; Charity Rutter</li> </ul>	 <p>Mike Schmidt</p>	 <p>Kevin Ramsey</p>

Whatever your fly fishing passion is, we’ve got it covered with over 60 exhibitors ranging from outfitters and guides, fly rods, fly tying supplies, kayaks, lodges, conservation groups, custom nets, flies, books, furred leaders, fly fishing tools and supplies, and much more!

**See you at the show!**

## More Information...

### BUFFER Newsletter

The BUFFER Newsletter is published monthly and can be downloaded from the BUFF website. Back issues are available for download too.

### Monthly Meetings

Monthly meetings are held the **second** Wednesday of each month. Check the website for details, including guest speaker & presentation, buffet menu, and calendar updates.

### Annual Dues

Annual dues are \$25 (Individual), \$30 (Family), plus a one-time \$5 Initiation Fee for new members. Annual dues are due January 1. Refer to BUFF website [www.BuckeyeFlyFishers.com](http://www.BuckeyeFlyFishers.com) for more information.

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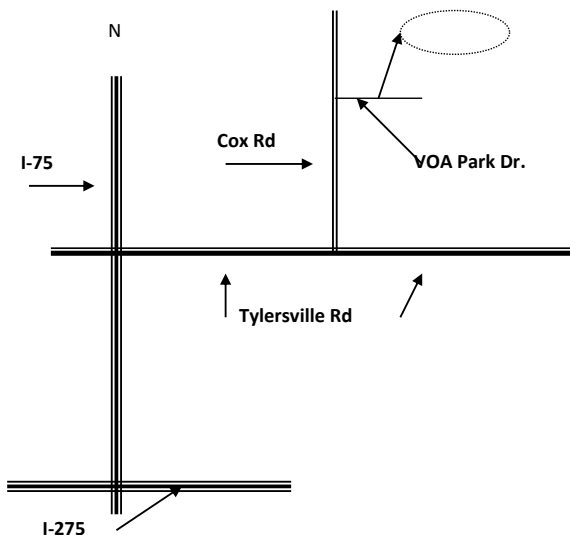
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## Buckeye United Fly Fishers

*Promoting the Sport of Fly Fishing Through Education and Conservation*

## Meeting Location & Directions

Meetings are held at Voice of America Park in the Ronald Reagan Lodge. [Please register online if you would like to attend.](#)

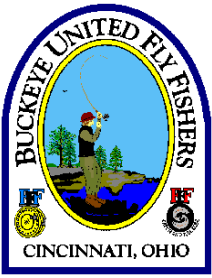


### Directions:

**From I-75 --** Follow I-75 north to the Tylersville Road exit. Turn right off of the exit ramp onto Tylersville Road and follow to Cox Road. Turn left onto Cox Road and follow Cox Road north to VOA Park Drive. Turn right onto VOA Park Drive. Turn left onto first drive and follow roadway to Lodge.

### From the Mason, Ohio area...

Follow Tylersville Road west to Cox Road. Turn right onto Cox Road and follow Cox Road north to VOA Park Drive. Turn right onto VOA Park Drive. Turn left onto first drive and follow roadway to Lodge.



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